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Robert C. Hockett, Ph.D.  
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Dear Dr. Hockett:

Several months ago I spoke with you concerning a smoke substance "acetonitrile" which identifies smokers from non-smokers when isolated in the urine.

We are most anxious to learn more about this test as we would like to employ it in a study of deaths of 25-44 year old males in New Orleans. We plan to take smoking histories from members of the family who can be located but would like to have this objective type measure if possible. It would also be very helpful in those for whom we cannot find a respondent.

We would greatly appreciate any information which you are able to provide to us on this test.

Sincerely,



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